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Susumu TSUKAMOTO et al. : **Confirmation No. 3816**
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LASER WELDING METHOD : **Mail Stop: AF**

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2011, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows.